Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant First Class David Don Bartel's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Bartel has devoted more than 37 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a leader in the Engineer Field, including service in numerous regions of South Dakota and service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as training in Germany and Panama for the South Dakota Army National Guard; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Bartel continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class David Don Bartel for more than 37 years of dedicated, outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2005, as

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DAVID DON BARTEL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State